

1           While the invention has been described in conjunction with specific  
2           embodiments, it is evident that many alternatives, modifications, permutations and  
3           variations will become apparent to those skilled in the art in light of the foregoing  
4           description. Accordingly, it is intended that the present invention embrace all such  
5           alternatives, modifications and variations as fall within the scope of the appended  
6           claims.

7           What is claimed is:

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- 1 1. A PC card video recording device, comprising:  
2 a PCMCIA compliant connector;  
3 a decrypter that receives encrypted video data through the connector and  
4 decrypts the video data into a video data stream;  
5 a memory;  
6 a processor; and  
7 a filter, receiving the video data stream, and sending a portion of the video  
8 data stream specified by the processor to the memory for storage.  
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- 10 2. The apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising an encrypter that  
11 receives data stored in the memory, encrypts the data and sends the data to the  
12 connector, under control of the processor.  
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- 14 3. The apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising a memory interface  
15 receiving the video data stream from the filter that stores the data stream in the  
16 memory.  
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- 18 4. The apparatus according to claim 2, further comprising a memory interface  
19 receiving the video data stream from the filter that stores the data stream in the  
20 memory, and that retrieves the stored data from the memory and sends the  
21 retrieved data to the encrypter.  
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- 23 5. The apparatus according to claim 4, wherein the stored data is retrieved  
24 according to a packet identifier associated with the stored data.  
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- 26 6. The apparatus according to claim 4, further comprising a reference clock  
27 that sends timing information to the memory interface for storage with the video  
28 data stream.  
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1 7. The apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising means for receiving  
2 a smart card, the smart card containing data used to generate a decryption key  
3 used by the decrypter.  
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5 8. The apparatus according to claim 2, further comprising means for receiving  
6 a smart card, the smart card containing data used to generate a decryption key  
7 used by the decrypter and an encryption key used by the encrypter.  
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9 9. The apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising an encrypter that  
10 encrypts the data stream prior to storage in the memory.  
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12 10. The apparatus according to claim 2, further comprising a second encrypter  
13 that encrypts the data stream prior to storage in the memory, and a second  
14 decrypter that decrypts the data retrieved from memory prior to encrypting the data  
15 using the encrypter and sending the data to the connector.  
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17 11. The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the memory comprises solid  
18 state non-volatile memory.  
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20 12. The apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the memory comprises solid  
21 state non-volatile memory.  
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1 13. A PC card recording device, comprising:  
2 a PCMCIA compliant connector;  
3 a decrypter that receives encrypted data through the connector and decrypts  
4 the data into a data stream;  
5 a memory;  
6 a processor; and  
7 a filter, receiving the data stream, and sending a portion of the data stream  
8 specified by the processor to the memory for storage.  
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10 14. The apparatus according to claim 13, further comprising an encrypter that  
11 receives data stored in the memory, encrypts the data and sends the data to the  
12 connector, under control of the processor.

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14 15. The apparatus according to claim 13, further comprising a memory interface  
15 receiving the data stream from the filter and that stores the data stream in the  
16 memory.  
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18 16. The apparatus according to claim 14, further comprising a memory interface  
19 receiving the data stream from the filter and storing the data stream in the memory,  
20 and that retrieves the stored data from the memory and sends the retrieved data to  
21 the encrypter.  
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23 17. The apparatus according to claim 16, wherein the stored data is stored and  
24 retrieved according to a packet identifier associated with the stored data.  
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26 18. The apparatus according to claim 15, further comprising a reference clock  
27 that sends timing information to the memory interface for storage with the data  
28 stream.  
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1 19. The apparatus according to claim 13, further comprising means for receiving  
2 a smart card, the smart card containing information used to generate a decryption  
3 key used by the decrypter.  
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5 20. The apparatus according to claim 14, further comprising means for receiving  
6 a smart card, the smart card containing information used to generate a decryption  
7 key used by the decrypter and an encryption key used by the encrypter.  
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9 21. The apparatus according to claim 13, further comprising an encrypter that  
10 encrypts the data stream prior to storage in the memory.  
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12 22. The apparatus according to claim 14, further comprising a second encrypter  
13 that encrypts the data stream prior to storage in the memory, and a second  
14 decrypter that decrypts the data retrieved from memory prior to encrypting the data  
15 using the encrypter and sending the data to the connector.  
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17 23. The apparatus according to claim 13, wherein the memory comprises solid  
18 state non-volatile memory.  
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20 24. The apparatus according to claim 14, wherein the memory comprises solid  
21 state non-volatile memory.  
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- 1 25. A PC card video recording and playback device, comprising:  
2 a PCMCIA compliant connector;  
3 a first decrypter that receives encrypted video data through the connector  
4 and decrypts the video data into a video data stream;  
5 a solid state non-volatile memory;  
6 a memory interface;  
7 a processor;  
8 a filter, receiving the video data stream, and sending a portion of the video  
9 data stream associated with a packet identifier specified by the processor to the  
10 memory interface for storage in the memory;  
11 a reference clock that sends timing information to the memory interface for  
12 storage with the video data stream; and  
13 a first encrypter that receives data stored in the memory according to a  
14 packet identifier associated with the stored data from the memory interface,  
15 encrypts the data and sends the data to the connector, under control of the  
16 processor.
- 17  
18 26. The apparatus according to claim 25, further comprising means for receiving  
19 a smart card, the smart card containing information used to generate a decryption  
20 key used by the first decrypter and an encryption key used by the first encrypter.
- 21  
22 27. The apparatus according to claim 25, further comprising a second encrypter  
23 that encrypts the data stream prior to storage in the memory.
- 24  
25 28. The apparatus according to claim 25, further comprising a second encrypter  
26 that encrypts the data stream prior to storage in the memory, and a second  
27 decrypter that decrypts the data retrieved from memory prior to encrypting the data  
28 using the first encrypter and sending the data to the connector.
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- 1        29.    A method, carried out in a PC card recorder, of storing video programming  
2        on the PC card recorder, comprising:  
3            receiving an encrypted video data stream;  
4            decrypting the encrypted video data stream to produce a video data stream;  
5            filtering the video data stream to remove data not related to a program  
6        identified by a packet identifier to produce a filtered video data stream; and  
7            storing the filtered video data stream in a solid state memory.  
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9        30.    The method according to claim 29, further comprising encrypting the filtered  
10       video data stream before storing the filtered video data stream in the solid state  
11       memory.  
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13       31.    The method according to claim 29, further comprising time stamping the  
14       filtered video data stream before storing the filtered video data stream in the solid  
15       state memory.  
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17       32.    The method according to claim 29, further comprising incrementing a write  
18       pointer associated with the memory as the filtered video data stream is stored to  
19       the memory.  
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21       33.    The method according to claim 29, wherein the encrypted video data stream  
22       is received through a PCMCIA compliant connector.  
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24       34.    The method according to claim 29, wherein the receiving, decrypting, filtering  
25       and storing are carried out under instructions from a programmed processor.  
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1 35. A method, carried out in a PC card recorder, of playback of video  
2 programming stored on the PC card recorder, comprising:

3 identifying a packet identifier associated with a program to be played;  
4 retrieving a video data stream associated with the packet identifier from a  
5 solid state memory;  
6 encrypting the video data stream to produce an encrypted video data stream;  
7 and  
8 sending the encrypted video data stream to a PCMCIA connector.  
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10 36. The method according to claim 35, further comprising decrypting the video  
11 data stream after retrieving and before encrypting and sending.

12 37. The method according to claim 35, wherein the video data stream includes  
13 time stamps.  
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15 38. The method according to claim 37, wherein the encrypted video data stream  
16 is sent to the PCMCIA connector at a time determined by the time stamps.  
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18 39. The method according to claim 35, further comprising incrementing a read  
19 pointer associated with the memory as the video data stream is retrieved from the  
20 memory.  
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22 40. The method according to claim 35, wherein the identifying, retrieving,  
23 encrypting and sending are carried out under instructions from a programmed  
24 processor.  
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1 41. A recording module, comprising:  
2 a connector suitable for interconnecting with a conditional access point of  
3 deployment module (POD) connector in a receiver;  
4 a memory; and  
5 circuit means for receiving information through the connector and for storing  
6 the information on the memory.  
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8 42. The apparatus according to claim 41, further comprising a decrypter that  
9 receives the information in encrypted form through the connector and decrypts the  
10 information to produce a decrypted data stream.  
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12 43. The apparatus according to claim 42, further comprising means for receiving  
13 a smart card within the recording module, the smart card containing information  
14 used to generate a decryption key used by the decrypter.  
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16 44. The apparatus according to claim 42, further comprising:  
17 a processor; and  
18 a filter, receiving the data stream, and sending a portion of the data stream  
19 associated with a packet identifier specified by the processor to the memory for  
20 storage.  
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22 45. The apparatus according to claim 44, further comprising a memory interface,  
23 receiving the data stream from the filter, that stores the data stream in the memory.  
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25 46. The apparatus according to claim 45, further comprising a reference clock  
26 that sends timing information to the memory interface for storage with the data  
27 stream.  
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1       47.    The apparatus according to claim 41, further comprising:  
2            a processor; and  
3            a filter, receiving the information, and sending a portion of the information  
4 associated with a packet identifier specified by the processor to the memory for  
5 storage.  
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7       48.    The apparatus according to claim 41, further comprising an encrypter that  
8 receives data stored in the memory, encrypts the data and sends the data to the  
9 connector.  
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11       49.    The apparatus according to claim 48, further comprising an encrypter that  
12 encrypts the data stream prior to storage in the memory, and a decrypter that  
13 decrypts the data retrieved from memory prior to encrypting the data using the  
14 encrypter and sending the data to the connector.  
15

16       50.    The apparatus according to claim 48, further comprising means for receiving  
17 a smart card within the module, the smart card containing an encryption key used  
18 by the encrypter.  
19

20       51.    The apparatus according to claim 48, further comprising a memory interface  
21 that retrieves the stored data from the memory and sends the retrieved data to the  
22 encrypter.  
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24       52.    The apparatus according to claim 51, wherein the stored data is retrieved  
25 according to a packet identifier associated with the stored data.  
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27       53.    The apparatus according to claim 41, wherein the connector comprises a  
28 PCMCIA compliant connector.  
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1 54. The apparatus according to claim 41, further comprising a encrypter that  
2 encrypts the data stream prior to storage in the memory.

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4 55. The apparatus according to claim 41, wherein the memory comprises solid  
5 state non-volatile memory.

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7 56. The apparatus according to claim 41, wherein the information contains video  
8 content.

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- 1        57.    A method, comprising:  
2            receiving a stream of information through a conditional access point of  
3        deployment module (POD) connector in a receiver; and  
4            storing at least a portion of the stream of information in a memory.  
5  
6        58.    The method according to claim 57, wherein the stream of information is  
7        encrypted, and further comprising decrypting the stream of information.  
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9        59.    The method according to claim 58, further comprising generating a  
10       decryption key, retrieving the information from the memory and decrypting the  
11       information using the decryption key.  
12  
13       60.    The method according to claim 57, further comprising filtering the stream of  
14       information to remove information not associated with a specified packet identifier.  
15  
16       61.    The method according to claim 57, further comprising storing timing  
17       information from a reference clock with the stream of information.  
18  
19       62.    The method according to claim 61, further comprising:  
20            retrieving the stored information;  
21            sending the retrieved information to an encrypter at a time determined by the  
22       time stamp;  
23            encrypting the stored information; and  
24            transmitting the encrypted information to the receiver through the conditional  
25       access point of deployment module (POD) connector.  
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1       63.    The method according to claim 57, further comprising:  
2            retrieving the stored information;  
3            encrypting the stored information; and  
4            transmitting the stored information to the receiver through the conditional  
5   access point of deployment module (POD) connector.  
6

7       64.    The method according to claim 63, further comprising reading an encryption  
8   key from a smart card, and wherein the stream of information is encrypted using  
9   the encryption key read from the smart card.  
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11       65.    The method according to claim 63, wherein the stored information is  
12   retrieved according to a packet identifier associated with the stored information.  
13

14       66.    The method according to claim 57, wherein the connector comprises a  
15   PCMCIA compliant connector.  
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17       67.    The method according to claim 58, further comprising encrypting the stream  
18   of information prior to storage in the memory.  
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20       68.    The memory according to claim 57, wherein the memory comprises solid  
21   state memory.  
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23       69.    The apparatus according to claim 58, wherein the memory comprises solid  
24   state memory.  
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26       70.    The method according to claim 57, carried out under control of a  
27   programmed processor.  
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29       71.    The method according to claim 57, wherein the receiver comprises an  
30   OpenCable compliant receiver.

1 72. The method according to claim 57, wherein the receiver is part of a television  
2 Set-Top Box.

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4 73. The method according to claim 57, wherein the receiver is part of a television  
5 receiver.

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7 74. The method according to claim 57, wherein the information comprises video  
8 information.  
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1        75.    An electronic storage medium, storing instructions which, when executed  
2        on a programmed processor, carry out a method of recording video, comprising:  
3            receiving stream of video information through a conditional access point of  
4        deployment module (POD) connector in a video receiver; and  
5            storing at least a portion of the stream of video information in a memory.  
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1 76. A PC card device, comprising:  
2 a PCMCIA compliant connector;  
3 a decrypter that receives encrypted video data through the connector and  
4 decrypts the video data into a video data stream;  
5 a memory;  
6 a processor;  
7 a filter, receiving the video data stream, and sending a portion of the video  
8 data stream associated with a packet identifier specified by the processor to the  
9 memory for storage; and  
10 an encrypter that receives data stored in the memory, encrypts the data and  
11 sends the data to the connector, under control of the processor.

12  
13 77. The apparatus according to claim 76, further comprising a memory interface,  
14 receiving the video data stream from the filter, that stores the data stream in the  
15 memory, and that retrieves the stored data from the memory and sends the  
16 retrieved data to the encrypter.

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18 78. The apparatus according to claim 77, further comprising a reference clock  
19 that sends timing information to the memory interface for storage with the video  
20 data stream.

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22 79. The apparatus according to claim 77, further comprising means for receiving  
23 a smart card, the smart card containing information used to generate a decryption  
24 key used by the decrypter and an encryption key used by the encrypter.  
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1 80. A PC card device, comprising:  
2 a PCMCIA compliant connector;  
3 a first decrypter that receives encrypted video data through the connector  
4 and decrypts the video data into a video data stream;  
5 a memory;  
6 a processor;  
7 a second encrypter;  
8 a filter, receiving the video data stream, and sending a portion of the video  
9 data stream associated with a packet identifier specified by the processor to the  
10 second encrypter for encrypting the video data stream to produce an encrypted  
11 video data stream;  
12 a memory interface for receiving the encrypted video data stream for storage  
13 in the memory, and for retrieving the encrypted video data stream from the memory;  
14 a second decrypter that decrypts the video data stream retrieved from  
15 memory; and  
16 a first encrypter that receives video data stream from the second decrypter,  
17 encrypts the video data stream and sends the encrypted video data stream to the  
18 connector, under control of the processor.  
19  
20 81. The apparatus according to claim 80, further comprising a reference clock  
21 that sends timing information to the memory interface for storage with the video  
22 data stream.  
23  
24 82. The apparatus according to claim 80, further comprising means for receiving  
25 a smart card, the smart card containing data used to generate a decryption key  
26 used by the first decrypter and an encryption key used by the first encrypter.  
27  
28 83. The apparatus according to claim 80, wherein the memory comprises solid  
29 state non-volatile memory.

1 84. A video device, comprising:  
2 a conditional access point of deployment module (POD) interface for  
3 receiving a point of deployment module;  
4 a receiver front end unit receiving a signal containing video information and  
5 sending a video stream to the POD interface;  
6 a circuit card coupled to POD interface and receiving the video stream;  
7 a memory residing on the circuit card; and  
8 a memory interface residing on the circuit card for storing video content  
9 forming a part of the video stream in the memory.

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11 85. The apparatus according to claim 84, wherein the video stream is encrypted,  
12 and further comprising a decrypter residing on the circuit card that decrypts the  
13 encrypted video stream to produce a decrypted video stream.

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15 86. The apparatus according to claim 85, further comprising a filter residing on  
16 the circuit card that removes information from the decrypted video stream not  
17 relevant to the video content to produce a filtered video stream, and wherein the  
18 video content comprises the filtered video stream.

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20 87. The apparatus according to claim 86, wherein the memory interface also  
21 retrieves the stored video content from the memory.

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23 88. The apparatus according to claim 87, further comprising an encrypter  
24 residing on the circuit card that encrypts the retrieved video content and sends the  
25 encrypted video content to the POD interface.  
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1 89. The apparatus according to claim 88, further comprising a decrypter that  
2 receives the encrypted video content and decrypts the encrypted video content to  
3 produce decrypted video content.

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5 90. The apparatus according to claim 89, further comprising:  
6 a demultiplexer that receives the decrypted video content and separates the  
7 decrypted video content into video and audio components;  
8 an audio decoder receiving the audio components and converting the audio  
9 components into an audio signal output that can be played by a television set; and  
10 a video decoder receiving the video components and converting the video  
11 components into a video signal output that can be played by the television set.

12  
13 91. The apparatus according to claim 84, further comprising a reference clock  
14 residing on the circuit card that sends timing information to the memory interface  
15 for storage in the memory with the video data stream.

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17 92. The apparatus according to claim 84, further comprising means for receiving  
18 a smart card, the smart card containing data used to generate a decryption key  
19 used by the decrypter.

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21 93. The apparatus according to claim 88, further comprising means for receiving  
22 a smart card, the smart card containing information used to generate a decryption  
23 key used by the decrypter and an encryption key used by the encrypter.

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25 94. The apparatus according to claim 84, wherein the memory comprises solid  
26 state memory.

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28 95. The apparatus according to claim 84, wherein the memory comprises solid  
29 state non-volatile memory.

1 96. The apparatus according to claim 85, wherein the video device comprises  
2 one of a television Set-Top Box and a television set.

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1 97. A video device, comprising:  
2 a conditional access point of deployment module (POD) interface for  
3 receiving a point of deployment module;  
4 a receiver front end unit receiving a signal containing video information and  
5 sending a video stream to the POD interface;  
6 a circuit card coupled to POD interface and receiving the video stream  
7 wherein the video stream is encrypted;  
8 a memory residing on the circuit card;  
9 a decrypter residing on the circuit card that decrypts the encrypted video  
10 stream to produce a decrypted video stream;  
11 a filter residing on the circuit card that removes information from the  
12 decrypted video stream not relevant to the video content to produce a filtered video  
13 stream;  
14 a memory interface residing on the circuit card for storing the filtered video  
15 stream in the memory, and for retrieving the stored video stream from the memory  
16 to obtain a retrieved video stream; and  
17 an encrypter residing on the circuit card that encrypts the retrieved video  
18 stream and sends the encrypted retrieved video stream to the POD interface.  
19  
20 98. The apparatus according to claim 97, further comprising a decrypter that  
21 receives the encrypted retrieved video content from the POD interface and decrypts  
22 the encrypted retrieved video content to produce decrypted video content.  
23  
24 99. The apparatus according to claim 98, further comprising:  
25 a demultiplexer that receives the decrypted video content and separates the  
26 decrypted video content into video and audio components;  
27 an audio decoder receiving the audio components and converting the audio  
28 components into an audio signal output that can be played by a television set; and  
29 a video decoder receiving the video components and converting the video  
30 components into a video signal output that can be played by the television set.

100. The apparatus according to claim 97, further comprising a reference clock residing on the circuit card that sends timing information to the memory interface for storage in the memory with the filtered video data stream.

101. The apparatus according to claim 97, further comprising means for receiving a smart card, the smart card containing data used to generate a decryption key used by the decrypter and an encryption key used by the encrypter.

102. The apparatus according to claim 97, wherein the memory comprises solid state memory.

103. The apparatus according to claim 97, wherein the memory comprises solid state non-volatile memory.

104. The apparatus according to claim 97, wherein the video device comprises one of a television Set-Top Box and a television set.

1 105. A method of operation of a video device, comprising:  
2 sending a video stream to a conditional access point of deployment module  
3 (POD) interface;  
4 receiving the video stream at a circuit card coupled to the POD interface; and  
5 storing video content forming a part of the video stream in a memory residing  
6 on the circuit card.

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8 106. The method according to claim 105, wherein the video stream is encrypted,  
9 and further comprising decrypting the encrypted video stream to produce a  
10 decrypted video stream using a decrypter residing on the circuit card.

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12 107. The method according to claim 106, further comprising removing information  
13 from the decrypted video stream not relevant to the video content to produce a  
14 filtered video stream using a filter residing on the circuit card, and wherein the video  
15 content comprises the filtered video stream.

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17 108. The method according to claim 107, further comprising encrypting the  
18 retrieved video content using an encrypter residing on the circuit card and sending  
19 the encrypted video content to the POD interface.

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21 109. The method according to claim 108, further comprising receiving the  
22 encrypted video content and decrypting the encrypted video content to produce  
23 decrypted video content.

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25 110. The method according to claim 109, further comprising:  
26 separating the decrypted video content into video and audio components;  
27 converting the audio components into an audio signal output that can be  
28 played by a television set; and  
29 converting the video components into a video signal output that can be  
30 played by the television set.

1 111. The method according to claim 105, further comprising storing timing  
2 information from a reference clock residing on the circuit card in the memory with  
3 the video data stream.

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5 112. The method according to claim 106, further comprising obtaining a  
6 decryption key for use by the decrypter.

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8 113. The method according to claim 108, further comprising obtaining a  
9 decryption key for use by the decrypter and an encryption key for use by the  
10 encrypter.

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12 114. The method according to claim 105, wherein the memory comprises solid  
13 state memory.

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15 115. The method according to claim 105, wherein the memory comprises solid  
16 state non-volatile memory.

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18 116. The method according to claim 105, carried out in one of a television Set-  
19 Top Box and a television set.



1 117. An electronic storage medium storing instructions which, when executed on  
2 a programmed processor, carry out a method of operation of a video device,  
3 comprising:

4 sending a video stream derived from the video signal to a conditional access  
5 point of deployment module (POD) interface;

6 receiving the video stream at a circuit card coupled to the POD interface; and

7 storing video content forming a part of the video stream in a memory residing  
8 on the circuit card.

1 118. A video device, comprising:  
2 a first conditional access point of deployment module (POD) interface for  
3 receiving a first point of deployment module;  
4 a second conditional access point of deployment module (POD) interface  
5 for receiving a second point of deployment module; and  
6 receiver front end means for receiving a signal containing video information  
7 and sending a first video stream to the first POD interface, and a second video  
8 stream to the second POD interface.  
9

10 119. The apparatus according to claim 118, further comprising:  
11 a first circuit card coupled to the first POD interface and receiving the first  
12 video stream;  
13 a first memory residing on the first circuit card; and  
14 means residing on the first circuit card for storing first video content forming  
15 a part of the video stream in the first memory.  
16

17 120. The apparatus according to claim 119, wherein the first video stream is  
18 encrypted, and further comprising a first decrypter residing on the first circuit card  
19 that decrypts the encrypted first video stream to produce a decrypted first video  
20 stream.  
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22 121. The apparatus according to claim 120, further comprising a first filter residing  
23 on the first circuit card that removes information from the decrypted first video  
24 stream not relevant to the first video content.  
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26 122. The apparatus according to claim 118, further comprising means residing  
27 on the first circuit card for retrieving the first video content from the first memory and  
28 sending the first video content to the first POD interface.  
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1 123. The apparatus according to claim 122, further comprising a first encrypter  
2 residing on the first circuit card for encrypting the first video content prior to sending  
3 the first video content to the first POD interface.  
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5 124. The apparatus according to claim 119, further comprising:  
6 a second circuit card coupled to the second POD interface and receiving the  
7 second video stream;  
8 a second memory residing on the second circuit card; and  
9 means residing on the second circuit card for storing second video content  
10 forming a part of the video stream in the second memory.  
11

12 125. The apparatus according to claim 124, wherein the second video stream is  
13 encrypted, and further comprising a second decrypter residing on the second  
14 circuit card that decrypts the encrypted second video stream to produce a  
15 decrypted second video stream.  
16

17 126. The apparatus according to claim 125, further comprising a second filter  
18 residing on the second circuit card that removes information from the decrypted  
19 second video stream not relevant to the second video content.  
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21 127. The apparatus according to claim 125, further comprising means residing  
22 on the second circuit card for retrieving the second video content from the second  
23 memory and sending the second video content to the second POD interface.  
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25 128. The apparatus according to claim 127, further comprising a second  
26 encrypter residing on the second circuit card for encrypting the second video  
27 content prior to sending the second video content to the second POD interface.  
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1 129. The apparatus according to claim 128, further comprising means residing  
2 on the second circuit card for retrieving the second video content from the second  
3 memory and sending the second video content to the second POD interface.  
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5 130. The apparatus according to claim 129, further comprising a second  
6 encrypter residing on the second circuit card for encrypting the second video  
7 content prior to sending the second video content to the second POD interface.  
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9 131. The apparatus according to claim 119, further comprising:  
10 a second circuit card coupled to the second POD interface and receiving the  
11 second video stream;  
12 a second memory residing on the second circuit card;  
13 means residing on the second circuit card for storing second video content  
14 forming a part of the video stream in the second memory; and  
15 means residing on the second circuit card for retrieving the second video  
16 content from the second memory and sending the second video content to the  
17 second POD interface.  
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19 132. The apparatus according to claim 131, further comprising means for  
20 selecting one of the first and second video content from the first and second POD  
21 interfaces.  
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23 133. The apparatus according to claim 132, further comprising a decrypter that  
24 receives the selected video content and decrypts the selected video content.  
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26 134. The apparatus according to claim 118, wherein the video device comprises  
27 one of a television Set-Top Box and a television set.

1 135. The apparatus according to claim 133, further comprising:  
2 a demultiplexer that receives the decrypted selected video content and  
3 separates the decrypted selected video content into video and audio components;  
4 an audio decoder receiving the audio components and converting the audio  
5 components into an audio signal output that can be played by a television set; and  
6 a video decoder receiving the video components and converting the video  
7 components into a video signal output that can be played by the television set.  
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9 136. The apparatus according to claim 118, wherein the receiver front end means  
10 comprises a first receiver front end and a second receiver front end.  
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1 137. A method of recording a digital video signal, comprising:  
2 receiving a digitally encoded video signal, the signal having pictures encoded  
3 as groups of pictures with the groups of pictures having intra-coded pictures, and  
4 inter-coded pictures;  
5 storing the digitally encoded video signal to an addressable storage device;  
6 and  
7 storing in a table a starting address and an ending address for each intra-  
8 coded picture.  
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1 138. A method of retrieving a digitally encoded video signal stored in an  
2 addressable electronic storage device, the signal having pictures encoded as  
3 groups of pictures with the groups of pictures having intra-coded pictures, and inter-  
4 coded pictures, the method comprising:

5 for each of a plurality of intra-coded pictures:

6 looking up a starting address in a table for an intra-coded picture;

7 looking up an ending address in the table for the intra-coded picture;

8 and

9 retrieving the intra-coded picture from the addressable storage device.

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11 139. The method according to claim 138, displaying the retrieved intra-coded  
12 pictures on a display.  
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1 140. A method of recording a digital video signal, comprising:  
2 receiving a digitally encoded video signal, the signal having pictures encoded  
3 as groups of pictures with the groups of pictures having intra-coded pictures, and  
4 inter-coded pictures;  
5 determining which of the pictures are intra-coded pictures;  
6 storing the digitally encoded video signal to a storage device; and  
7 storing in a header associated with each intra-coded picture with an identifier  
8 identifying the picture to be an intra-coded picture.  
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10 141. The method according to claim 140, wherein the header contains an  
11 indicator of a starting point for an intra-coded picture.  
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13 142. The method according to claim 140, wherein the header contains an  
14 indicator of an ending point for an intra-coded picture.



1 143. A method of retrieving a digitally encoded video signal stored in an electronic  
2 storage device, the signal having pictures encoded as groups of pictures with the  
3 groups of pictures having intra-coded pictures, and inter-coded pictures, the  
4 method comprising:

5 for each of a plurality of pictures:

6 reading a header associated with each picture;

7 determining from an identifier in the header whether the picture is an  
8 intra-coded picture; and

9 if so, retrieving the intra-coded picture.

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11 144. The method according to claim 143, displaying the retrieved intra-coded  
12 pictures on a display.  
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1 145. A method of providing pairing security in a PC card recorder, comprising:  
2 at the PC card recorder, receiving an identifier from a host device;  
3 storing the identifier in the PC card recorder;  
4 receiving a digital video signal from the host device; and  
5 storing the digital video signal in a memory of the PC card recorder.  
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1 146. A method of providing pairing security in a PC card recorder, comprising:  
2 receiving a request to play a stored digital video signal;  
3 at the PC card recorder, retrieving a stored host device identifier from a  
4 memory;  
5 at the PC card recorder, receiving an identifier from the host device;  
6 at the PC card recorder, comparing the identifier with the stored identifier;  
7 and  
8 playing the stored digital video signal from a memory of the PC card recorder  
9 if the identifier and the stored identifier match.

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11 147. The method according to claim 146, further comprising rejecting the request  
12 to play in the event the identifier and the stored identifier do not match.  
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1 148. A method of recording a television program, comprising:  
2 receiving a command signal from a remote commander to record a selected  
3 television program;  
4 at a host processor, determining a packet identifier corresponding to the  
5 selected television program;  
6 sending the packet identifier along with a record command to a POD  
7 interface;  
8 at a PC card recorder;  
9 receiving a transport stream from the POD interface;  
10 receiving the packet identifier and the record command from the POD  
11 interface;  
12 instructing a transport stream filter to delete packets not associated  
13 with the packet identifier; and  
14 recording the packets associated with the packet identifier to a  
15 memory.  
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1 149. A method of recording a television program at a PC card recorder,  
2 comprising:  
3 receiving a transport stream from a POD interface;  
4 receiving the packet identifier and the record command from the POD  
5 interface;  
6 instructing a transport stream filter to delete packets not associated with the  
7 packet identifier; and  
8 recording the packets associated with the packet identifier to the PC card  
9 recorder connected to the POD interface.  
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1 150. A method of storing information from an MPEG transport stream,  
2 comprising:

3 receiving a picture from the MPEG transport stream;  
4 determining a type associated with the picture; and  
5 storing a type indicator along with the picture in a memory.  
6

7 151. The method according to claim 150, wherein the type indicator is stored in  
8 a table.  
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10 152. The method according to claim 151, wherein the type indicator is stored in  
11 the table along with a starting address for the packet.  
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13 153. The method according to claim 150, wherein the type indicator is stored in  
14 a packet header.